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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application and in response to the Official Action of December 24, 2003.

Record is also made of a telephone interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on February 12, 2004. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed in light of the final rejection of claims 1 to 10. More specifically, applicant's representative pointed out that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the provision of a cavity of the stator which is bounded by two elements only (disregarding the laminated core), namely the cooling jacket and the tubular insulator.

The Examiner agreed that independent claims 1 and 6 would read over the prior art of record, if amended to set forth the provision that the cooling jacket and the tubular insulator only (again disregarding the laminated core) bound the cavity.

As a result of the interview, applicant now submits amendments to claims 1 and 6 which are drawn up in accordance with the agreement at the interview so as to overcome each and every objection or rejection to the claims as set forth in the Examiner's Official Action of December 24, 2003.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is considered patentably differentiated over the prior art of record and

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believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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